

Table 1. Demographic characteristics of the study population	
Age (years)	50.0 ± 10.0
Gender	
Male	50.0%
Female	50.0%
Education (years)	12.0 ± 2.0
Marital status	
Married	80.0%
Single	20.0%
Occupation	
Professional	30.0%
Managerial	20.0%
Technical	10.0%
Service	20.0%
Unemployed	20.0%
Income (USD/month)	1000.0 ± 500.0
Health status	
Good	70.0%
Fair	20.0%
Poor	10.0%

a fabric panel:

said carrier configured to be secured along a bottom edge to a bottom portion of a chair

2. The back of claim 1 wherein said two upper corners of said carrier are each

3. The back of claim 1 wherein said fabric is of open mesh construction.

5. The back of claim 3 wherein said fabric includes woven multifilaments and

6. The back of claim 1 wherein said carrier is a two piece structure and edges of said

7. The back of claim 6 wherein glue is provided to retain said fabric edges in said

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8. The back of claim 2 wherein at least one retainer is secured to said carrier to form a socket for retaining each of said balls.

9. The back of claim 1 wherein said chair back frame includes a transverse member and said carrier is secured along its bottom edge to said transverse member.

10. The back of claim 9 wherein said carrier is secured to said transverse member by screws.

11. A back for a chair comprising:  
a fabric panel;  
a bendable carrier extending around the periphery of and fastened to edges of the fabric panel, said carrier being configured to be fastened along a bottom edge to a first frame member of said chair; and  
flexible joint means at opposed upper corners of said carrier;  
said joint means being configured to be connectable to upper portions of second frame members;  
wherein said flexible joint means and bendable carrier allow said fabric panel to flex as a chair user reclines against said fabric panel to thereby distribute forces against the user's back.

12. The back of claim 11 wherein said flexible joint means are sockets configured to receive a spherical member of said second frame members.

13. The back of claim 12 wherein said sockets are formed by apertures in said carrier.

14. The back of claim 13 including retainers disposed on each side of said apertures to form said sockets.

15. The back of claim 11 wherein said fabric is of open mesh construction.

16. The back of claim 15 wherein said fabric includes woven multifilaments and monofilaments.

17. The back of claim 11 wherein said carrier is a two piece structure and edges of said fabric are clamped between said two pieces.

18. The back of claim 17 wherein glue is provided to retain said fabric edges in said carrier.

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